(c) and (d) Chemicals plant normally take time to stabilise the quality in the intiial stage. Reports have now received that the quality is acceptable. The production of DMT through imported second hand plant during July—Sept. 1985 was about 5700 tonnes.

Recommendations of Economic Administrative Reforms Commission on Public Enterprises

@2867-A. PROF. B. RAMACHANDRA RAO:
SHRIMATI USHA MALHOTRA:

Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any decision on the recommendations of Economic Administrative Reforms Commission headed by Shri L. K. Jha on Public Enterprises; and

(b) if so, what steps are proposed to be taken to reduce the numerous checks and controls at present being exercised to concentrate decision making powers in the Administrative Ministries and thereby diluting the accountability of Management of Public Enterprises?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In view of (a) above, (b) does not arise.

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RE. ALLEGED LEAKAGE OF ANSWER TO QUESTION

SHRI SURESH KALMADI (Maharashtra): Madam, I have to . . .

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA (Delhi): A point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: I have allowed Mr. Kalmadi.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: Madam, I wish to raise a very serious matter concerning my privilege as Member of Parliament and all Members of Parliament in general. This relates to my question today on foreign trade marks.

Generally, Madam, you are aware that replies by the Ministers are put on the notice board half-an-hour before the Question Hour starts or they are in the Notice Office half-an-hour before the Question Hour comes up in Parliament. But I was surprised, Madam, that some persons came to my house yesterday morning and gave me a copy of the reply to the question. That was yesterday morning, full 24 hours in advance. That is why I came in the morning at 10 O'clock before the replies were tabled in the Notice Office and gave a copy of the reply which the Minister was supposed to give.

I am surprised, Madam. This reply by the Minister is supposed to be the property of the House. This should have come to us first. I want to know through you, Madam, how this sort of thing has happened. This is a preliminary stage because I wish to raise a breach-of-privilege motion on my rights, and I would ask you to make a preliminary enquiry and direct the Minister of Industry to give a satisfactory reply, failing which we shall have to proceed further.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY (Karnataka): Madam.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE (Maharashtra): A point of order.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Mr. Gurupadaswamy.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: Madam, you understand this is a great lapse. I do not know where this lapse took place, whether it is at the drafting stage or the filing stage in the Ministry. Anyway. . .

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has made the point.

@Previously Unstarred Question 2999 transferred from the 17th December, 1985.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: I have not made my point.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: He has made the point.

SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY: May I just request you to make an enquiry into this? It is gross impropriety. When answers are given in advance, the sanctity of the answer is gone. I would like you to assure us that you are going to hold an enquiry into this.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: We will find at what source it was leaked, whether it was from Rajya Sabha or some other source.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: It has to be the Ministry of Industry source.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: Madam, nobody will under-estimate the seriousness of this thing. But I think we, all of us, owe it, particularly to ourselves, that we also preserve the dignity of this House. If I heard the hon. Member, Mr. Kalmadi, what he says is that somebody gave it to him. Is that correct?

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Yes, it is correct.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: May I know what the hon. Member has done with regard to that somebody who was doing these things with impunity because unless we do that, there is no use of telling the Minister? I would like to know all this.

SHRI VISHVAJIT PRITHVIJIT SINGH (Maharashtra): I would like to know who that man was.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: I would like to answer it. It being Sunday, it was left at my house. I do not know who came and gave it.

SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE: He said that somebody gave it to him.

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: That is not the point. The point is how it leaked out. I was in Pune.

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): I agree that this is a serious matter. If the hon. Member had identified that somebody, that would have helped both the Parliamentary office of the Chairman as well as the Ministry. But if he has received something anonymously and he could not identify, that make the matter even worse. Then, he is good enough only to disclose here. So, we are left in a lurch. I do not know. He can raise an accusing finger against anybody.

But if he points one accusing finger which he did against me and my Ministry, he is forgetting that his own three fingers are pointing to himself. So, he is not absolved of the responsibility in this matter. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI SURESH KALMADI: The Prime Minister says that his Government is tightening the security. Is it the way of your tightening the security? Now, you are trying to pass on the buck to me.

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down Mr. Kalmadi.

SHRI VISHWA BANDHU GUPTA: Madam, one minute. It has been published in the paper about shooting down of sikh youths by Pakistanis. Madam, you know that 52 sikh youths have arrived in Nankana Sahib around the middle of October in the labour camp which was set up for the six infiltrators from India at Kartarpur. They were looking harassed and frustrated. Some of them were wearing labour clothes. One of them was shot down by Pakistanis...

THE DEPUTY CHAIRMAN: Please sit down. You can raise it through Special Mention. Now Shri Vasant Sathe to make a statement.